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## THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

### NATIONAL.

For President—Charles Evans Hughes of New York.  
For Vice President—Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana.  
U. S. Senator—Howard Sutherland of Randolph.  
Congress, First District—Thos. W. Fleming, Fairmont.

### JUDICIAL.

W. N. Miller, Parkersburg. Harold A. Ritz, Bluefield.

### STATE.

Governor—Ira E. Robinson of Taylor.  
Secretary of State—Houston G. Young of Harrison.  
Superintendent of Schools—Morris P. Shawkey of Kanawha.  
Auditor—John S. Daret, of Jackson.  
Treasurer—William S. Johnson of Fayette.  
Attorney General—E. T. England of Logan.  
Commissioner of Agriculture—James H. Stewart of Putnam.  
State Senator, Eleventh District—Charles A. Sinsel, Taylor County.

### COUNTY.

Sheriff—W. H. Veach, Farmington.  
Assessor—W. B. Hamilton, Fairmont.  
Prob. Attorney—M. Earl Morgan, Fairmont.  
County Commissioner—W. P. Mason, Mannington.  
House Delegates—Geo. W. Bowers, Mannington.  
Walter Ellason, Fairmont.  
B. S. Hutchinson, Union District.  
Co. Surveyor—Thos. E. Minnear, Annabelle, Lincoln Dist.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26, 1916

"America First and America Efficient"

### THE MEASURE OF A MAN.

THE best measure of the worth of any man is what he has done, but it is always interesting and sometimes illuminating to hear a man give a candid expression on his opinions about fundamental matters.

For instance, every intelligent citizen of West Virginia knows in more or less detail the public and private record of Judge Robinson and they recognize in him an able and honest man who has served his state faithfully. Nevertheless even those who know him best get a better insight into his conception of his duty at a time like the present by studying his now well known Huntington speech.

There is one part of that speech which we would like to see put into the hands of every voter in the state. It is as follows:

The Republican party is an organization with a high mission—the promotion of the general interests of the people. This mission it is called to perform not merely for its own numbers but for all the people, members of other political parties as well. No ring play, personal ambition, selfish interest or petty thought of politics shall ever thwart this true mission of the party in West Virginia as far as I am concerned. I aspire not to the name of politician, but to the name of statesman. I aspire only to leadership in building for the general good, and thus promoting the fair name of our state. At no time shall I stand for petty lines of political play interfering with the best interests of the people whose chief representative I shall, at the November election, be commissioned to be.

That is an exalted creed for a candidate in this day, but the people know that Judge Robinson after having publicly and solemnly subscribed to it will live up to it faithfully. He will be the governor of the whole state and of every man in the state, irrespective of political affiliations. And by the same token he will be the creature of no man or set of men. It is safe to vote for Ira E. Robinson for governor because he will play fair and at the same time be a progressive and intelligent chief executive in whom the people of West Virginia may take pride.

### G. O. P. AND TRANSPORTATION.

WHILE the country anxiously watches the combat now going on at Washington where a powerful body representing organized labor and an even more powerful although not nearly so well organized body representing capital struggle over a troublesome wage question while a President who has absolutely no legal powers looks on and seeks to make political capital out of the situation, it may do some good to remember that the Republican party, through the committee which drafted the platform adopted at Chicago in June, has done some constructive thinking about this very intricate problem of the con-

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### WILSON OPPORTUNIST

From Phila. North American.  
Those who examine the president's course in the railroad strike situation will be struck by the manner in which it follows his personal and official characteristics. His action, for example, is opportunistic itself, and he is above all an opportunist. It is arbitrary, and arbitrariness is his prominent trait.

Thoroly Wilsonness is the intimation that if the railroads submit to his decree he will dragoon the inter-

rol of transportation facilities. The Transportation plank of the Chicago platform reads as follows:

Interstate and intrastate transportation have become so intertwined that the attempt to apply two and often several sets of laws to its regulation has produced conflicts of authority, embarrassment in operation and inconvenience and expense of the public.

The entire transportation system of the country has become essentially national. We, therefore, favor such action by legislation or, if necessary, through an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as will result in placing it under exclusive federal control.

This means that if a Republican President is elected and a Republican majority is returned to both branches of Congress one of the first things taken up will be legislation to create order in the railroad world, and it safely may be assured that the necessity for taking such legislative steps as are necessary to prevent a recurrence of the danger that now threatens the country will not be overlooked or ignored.

No matter what the outcome of the present negotiation is, the settlement will be a makeshift affair and there will not be the slightest guarantee that the men will not return to the charge two years or four years from now with even more onerous demands and seek to force their acceptance with a political threat. But if the government is placed in the care of the Republican party something fundamental will be done.

### FEDERAL AID.

ACCORDING to dispatches from Washington Governor Hatfield has notified the War department that West Virginia is not in need of federal relief in the Cabin creek and Coal river flooded districts. The action appears to have filled the Democratic brethren with mixed feelings, the most poignant, apparently, being amazement that any one should decline to thrust a hand into the public money bag clean up to the elbow when the mouth was held invitingly open. But it would be wise for them to wait a bit before thrusting themselves into a frenzy over the incident. It might not be so.

Doubtless if there is need for aid for the flood sufferers from outside the state Governor Hatfield will accept it; if, after careful investigation he finds that the situation is one that our own people can take care of, he will do what any honest and honorable private citizen would do—withdraw the application for aid from the government. The State of West Virginia is not a mendicant. It would be perfectly proper for it to receive aid from the government if conditions were such that aid was needed, and it would be grossly improper if the opposite were true.

### PLAYGROUNDS.

WITH the inter-park contests at Loop Park this afternoon and evening a most successful playground season will come to a close and the members of the Playground committee of the Women's club and Director Sharadin deserve both the congratulations and thanks of the community.

When the playground movement began in this country little more was attempted than to provide a place where children could in entire safety indulge in their natural instinct to play. It has gone way past that mark, however, and it is now justly regarded as one of the most important factors in the effort to make America a nation capable of coping with the problems that the republic will have to face in the future.

In cities where playgrounds are maintained the effort to put sound minds in sound bodies begins early. Children play to such purpose that they form physical and mental habits that stand them in good stead throughout life. The importance of this is so thoroughly appreciated in many towns that the playgrounds and the people who look after and instruct the children while they are at play are adequately maintained with public funds.

That point has not been reached in West Virginia cities, and for the time being the progress of the movement will depend upon the liberality of public spirited citizens. It is the hope of The West Virginian that when the time comes to finance the work for next season the response will be generous and that a large number of people will contribute. Such movements succeed best when a large number of people take an interest in them.

Judging by the way the Democratic newspapers keep talking about the Republicans who voted for General Lilly at the primary election, the strategists on that side of the fence have made up their minds that they cannot hope to win unless they get them all. That being the case they might as well shut up shop and save the money that a campaign would cost them.

We glean that "those who are in charge of the annual fair here" have been communing with themselves and have determined to do something that will produce a fair next year which will attract great crowds every day, instead of just the one day. Well, they might begin by making it more of a fair. But there is not the slightest hope of accomplishing anything in that direction unless they are willing to put into it more brains and energy than have been going into the annual event in recent years.

### SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Of course Maine appreciates the responsibility of voting in September the same way the Union is supposed to go in November.—Charleston Mail.

If the prevision of Congressman Howard Sutherland is yet as good as it was before the primary his prediction of a great Republican victory in West Virginia may be regarded as prophetic.—Weston Free Press.

We don't care much who plays the world series, but we do hope nobody beats Cincinnati going south.—Parkersburg News.

It is announced that Portugal is going to war with Germany. The funny part of it is that Germany has been at war with Portugal, according to official declaration, since last March. A one-sided war, so to speak.—Huntington Observer.

It is hoped Paris will get so busy with the European war that she will forget to change America's fashions more than one half dozen times in the next 12 months. Hinton Independent-Herald.

Five thousand New York barbers have gone on strike, and five thousand trained spokesmen stand ready to discuss the issues.—Charleston Mail.

state commerce commission into granting another increase in freight rates. Considering what he has deemed it expedient to do for the powerful labor interests during the campaign, no vivid imagination is needed to forecast what he would be willing to do for the railroads after November, if he should be re-elected. And his former procedure justifies the belief that he would support their cause then, as he does the demands of the men now, without regard to facts or justice or economic consideration.

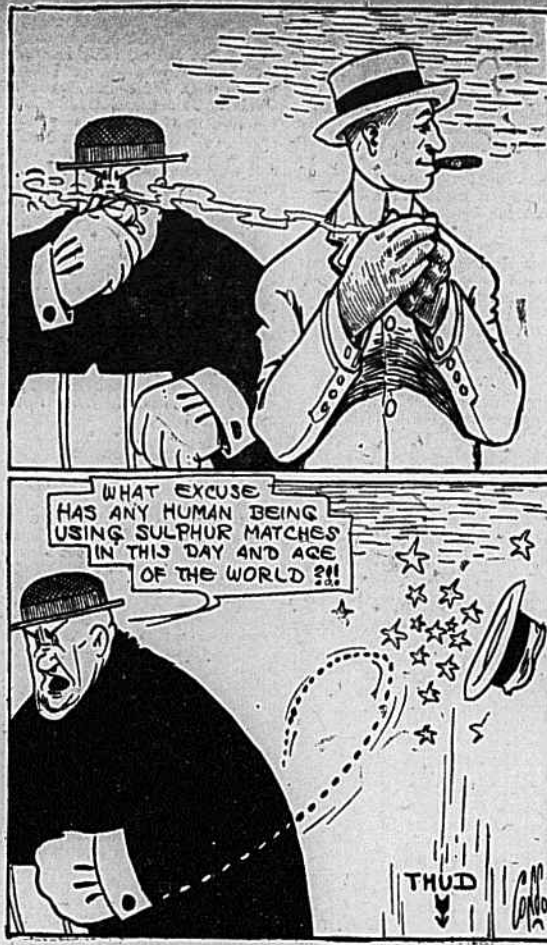
Finally the device of the president is typical because it is merely hasty, desperate and aliphad makeshift, employed to carry the administration past a menacing problem without providing a permanent solution. It is an accurate reflection of the policy that brought the nation to its present state.

### THE STORM HAS BROKEN

From the Keyser Mountain Echo.  
Democratic state candidates in West Virginia and Democratic leaders are on the outs with their new state chair-

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



Cameron C. Lewis. We know full well that something was bound to snap soon. With five or six state headquarters, all expecting to handle the suffrage, which make the Democratic campaign a size and boom, and none of them getting it, we expected something to bust, but were not prepared for it to come in this peculiar manner.

It is now charged that Colonel Lewis, autocratic and dictatorial, is attempting to inject his wholesale grocery methods into the political campaign, and among his first moves was an edict to the effect that President Wilson was to be the big noise in the campaign, to the exclusion of all other issues, both state and national.

A good many of the fellows who only make one speech in a campaign, and commit that to memory long before the whistle blows, had other arrangements. They had framed a general attack upon office holding Republicans in West Virginia, and have this arrangement interfered with by a new state chairman, who indicates a desire to conduct a sort of military inspection if the forensic productions of the candidates and spell binders, has set very heavy on their systems, and there are indications of a general revolt against the chairman.

The entire affair will probably result in a secret manifesto from the duke of Baltimore which will quiet the waters and enable a semblance of leadership to be maintained by Colonel Lewis.

## BITS OF STATE NEWS

The greatest flood in the history of this section of the state, of which we have any record, says the Hinton Leader, occurred in 1861, at which time every stream emptying into the Greenbrier and New river furnished its full contribution. In that flood which was general over the entire eastern part of the United States, the water covered Charleston to a depth of six feet at high points. The next heavy rise came in 1878, which had not been since exceeded until the recent rise and then only above Hinton. From Hinton west the last flood was four feet under the 1878 rise, which accounts for the comparative lack of damage on the lower valley. Both the 1861 and the 1878 floods came in the month of September. It is said that this last overflow was the first to occur in the month of July in the memory of man.

Surveyors have been in Jefferson county for a week or more locating a proposed trolley route from a point on the Potomac river between Martinsburg and Hagerstown, near Williamsport, through the northern section of the county, passing the Northern Virginia Power company's plant at Millville, crossing the Potomac near Harper's Ferry and going through Loudoun county to Leesburg, Va. Eight surveyors were in the corps. Forty years ago the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, which was built from Hagerstown to Roanoke, surveyed this same route. On Monday a party of twelve surveyors opened headquarters in the Jefferson Security Bank building and have since been surveying around Shepherdstown, both in Maryland and West Virginia.

The summer meeting of the West Virginia State Horticultural Society will be held at Berkeley Springs on next Monday and Tuesday. An excellent program is being arranged. An opportunity to inspect the cold storage plant at that point will be afforded. The Maryland society will be in session at Hancock at the same time.

A good-sized flying squirrel, which has been placed in the Cash store display window at Sistersville, is attracting no little attention as the little animal is so very hard to catch that many people have never seen one. The squirrel was found in rather a peculiar manner. During Monday night it flew into Wm. Boston's home and Mr. Boston succeeded in catching it.

The Shinnston News says: "We didn't think Sam Davis would ever try to wrest honors from the farmers in any such a way, but he has done gone

## NEW YORK LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

THAT President Wilson has named a strong Mexican commission in Secretary Lane, Judge George Gray and Dr. John R. Mott, is generally conceded. Secretary Lane has a pretty keen grasp of the Mexican situation, as is evidenced by his frank waving aside of all the balderdash about the first invasion having been to force a salute of the American flag and his frank avowal that its sole purpose was to drive Huerta out. Judge Gray is a man of demonstrated judicial attainments little given to extreme partisanship. And Dr. Mott's wide experience in connection with the Y. M. C. A. is likely to prove valuable. And yet, in the light of past experience and present events, that this commission has any mission other than to "tide over" the Mexican situation until after the election is difficult to perceive. Funston has recommended the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican territory and Pershing reports that Villa's power is crushed. As the declared primary purpose of the conference was to discuss conditions on which the troops would be withdrawn, the reason for being appears to have passed before it came into existence. There is, of course, another phase. Carranza wants money and President Wilson wants Americans to advance it. Possibly, after all, the chief purpose of the conference, aside from tiding over the situation until after election, is to provide American funds for Carranza. The American Commissioners will probably spend several delightful months at the sea-shore, at the government's expense, and yet they probably are entitled to sympathy because of the great likelihood that they will be made fools of, as were the Mexican delegates to Niagara Falls, two years ago.

### Truth Will Out.

Those Democrats who bitterly resented the Republican charge that the President advocated a tariff commission purely as a matter of political expediency have become deeply concerned over their realization that they have provided salaries of only \$7,500 a year for the six members of the Tariff Commission, whereas the members of the Farm Loan Board will receive \$10,000 a year. This is, of course, simply a further proof that the Democrats generally have little faith in a Tariff Commission and that in casting it they were merely obeying the Republican legislation of importance. An effort has been made to put responsibility for the lower salary of the tariff commissioners on the Republicans—who have extremely little faith in a tariff commission to be appointed by President Wilson—but investigation proves that the man who was really responsible for \$7,500 salaries is Rep. Cullip, of Indiana, a tariff for revenue only Democrat. As compared with the \$12,000 a year of the Federal Reserve Board and the \$10,000 a year of the Farm Loan Board, the \$7,500 of the Tariff Commission looks small.

### A Sad Disappointment.

Secretary McAdoo, who is enjoying the cool weather of New England and at the same time seeking light on the manner in which the Farm Loan Bank legislation is being received, has suffered a serious disappointment. It was expected that the enactment of this legislation would constitute one of the strongest talking points of the administration in this campaign. On the contrary, Mr. McAdoo is finding that there has not been and is no demand for a government bank to make loans to farmers in the New England states. He has visited Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts and in each has been informed that the New England farmer can get all the money he can reasonably expect from the savings banks and similar institutions with which he is accustomed to do business. It is becoming evident that, only where the Federal Loan Bank is prepared to loan money at considerably less than its market value will it be particularly welcomed. It is possible conditions may prove different in the west, but the Wilson administration can make little capital out of this piece of legislation in New England.

### Wilson Will Campaign.

The White House announced that President Wilson would not go on the stump. Then Gov. Hughes started on his western tour and began to expose the Wilson administration record and it was promptly announced that the President would go on the stump and "go over much the same ground as had Gov. Hughes." Then Chairman McCormick rushed over to Washington and, after a talk with the President, announced that Mr. Wilson considered it "incompatible with the dignity of the Presidency" to go on the stump. Now Mr. McCormick has announced in Chicago that President Wilson will speak there and in a number of other sections of the west before the election. All of which recalls the plaint of the Democratic members of Congress who, when appealed to to stand by the President, replied, "It's pretty hard to stand by a man who won't stand still."

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Bare limbs are taboo at Atlantic City. This is one place where Ice's Run eclipses the Jersey resort.

Editor R. S.:—Why don't you say something about the Deutschland arriving back home?—Contrib.

The heel of progress will henceforth be somewhat cushioned in Germany with the rubber they got.

The Tub made the trip, wonder now will the Iron cross.

Some Jackson street fires had better burn!

That fire on Jackson street proved that Fairmont's departments are par excellence.

The firemen learned that in Union's there was strength, at all events hundreds of dead soldiers were found after the onslaught of the firemen.

The joint was long on preparedness.

"King Victor Emanuel under gun fire." Have to shoot pretty low to catch Vic.

But Napoleon was only four feet 10 and he got hit several times.

Perhaps if we can get rid of Old

## E. C. Jones



## Autumn Fashions

### Make Their Bow at Jones'

Autumn is just around the corner. The first of the new fashions for the coming season are here. Each section has striven to present a delightfully fresh, crisp, new display of Millinery, suits, dresses and coats which fashion has decreed to be the correct mode.

We invite you to come and see the new things. The millinery is entrancing, the suits proclaim a new silhouette. The dresses are delightfully charming. Blouses run the gamut of color and fancy. The shoes are sensibly different, while silk dress materials are an inspiration to any one who will make or will have her own original clothing made.

Of course, Jones' low, fair prices prevail. If it is new and fashionable you will generally find it at Jones'. If it is not new and fashionable you will not want it, at any price.

Come today, you're welcome and under no obligation to buy.

Man Trachoma we might find ourselves no longer blinded hereabouts.

"Darn right," says he, sticking his Nettleton on the accelerator, "company I got 12 recruits at the Fair."

There are four bar rooms and a brewery at Consumer's Park in Brooklyn where the ball teams play. This is probably the reason Ring Lardner wants Brooklyn to win.

Speaking of the Isonzo front, why not call the Austrian-Italian battle line Water street?

"Million copies of Neely's speech to be printed." They won't go very far out of West Virginia, and perhaps may not migrate as far as this district.

What in "The World" would not a Democratic paper copy?

## Going to the Customer's Home

Dan A. Carroll, of New York, well known in advertising circles as a man of wide experience and exceptional ability, is a firm believer in the efficiency of the evening paper as a means of reaching the buying people which he calls the "great middle class."

He says in a recent article:

"The idea of family newspaper reading, (now a fixed habit in almost all households) really started with the development of the evening newspaper. The housewife and the man discuss the news of the day and the purchases of the morning in the family circle after the evening meal, at a time when there is leisure and inclination for reading. Home purchases are determined during these little conferences. Advertising is today bought on the basis of known facts. The hit and miss plan is no longer the vogue with either local or general advertising." (The West Virginian publishes its average daily circulation of the previous month.

"The evening newspaper offers per inch, per thousand circulation, by far the best rate by reason of LARGE CONCENTRATED CIRCULATION WITHIN A GIVEN AREA. Recently a leading manufacturer of a high-grade toilet specialty asked the writer to submit an estimate on a campaign in view of the larger cities of the United States, using only the leading home publication in each city. With but five exceptions the list was made up of all evening newspapers."

The Fairmont merchant who wants to keep his business in the eye of the buyers should advertise in THE WEST VIRGINIAN. It is read by 15,000 people every day, and these people ought to be reading about you and your business every time they look at THE WEST VIRGINIAN.